

2020 Endorsement Questionnaire

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APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County



PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT BY SEPT. 9, midnight. Please take time to review the questions before filling in the boxes since you cannot save the responses for later completion. Thank you for your interest in being considered for an endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members and the public to review.

Personal Information

Candidate Name *

Joe Wallace

City and zip code of residence.

Richmond, CA 94805

What is your campaign website address?

joewallaceforactransit.com

What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? *

- Alameda City Council
- Alameda School Board
- Berkeley, Mayor
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 2
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 3
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 5
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 6
- Berkeley, Unified School District Trustee
- Berkeley, Rent Stabilization Board
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 1
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 3
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 5
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 7
- Oakland, City Council, At-large
- Oakland City Attorney
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 1
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 3
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 5
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 7
- AC Transit, Bd. of Directors, Ward 1
- AC Transit, Bd. of Directors, Ward 2
- AC Transit Bd. of Directors, At-Large
- EB Regional Park Dist. Bd. of Directors. Ward 1

Regional Council, Bd. of Directors, Area 1

AD 15, State Assembly Representative

AD 18, State Assembly Representative

Peralta Community College District, Bd. of Director, Area 2

Other:

Are you the incumbent?

Yes

No

Are you a registered Democrat? The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats

Yes

No

How long have you been a registered Democrat? If less than 5 years, please explain your reason for becoming a Democrat.

All my life

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

The APA Caucus is an influential organization that represents a wide group of people interested in public transit from across a number of cities in Alameda County including Albany and Berkeley which are parts of the AC Transit Ward #1.

List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

The Sierra Club, Richmond Mayor Tom Butt, El Cerrito Councilmember Janet Abelson, San Pablo City Councilmember Rita Xavier, jAC Transit Board Directors Elsa Ortiz, Chris Peeples, Diane Shaw & Joel Young

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials?

Yes

No

Maybe

How long have you lived in the district which you are seeking to represent?

I've lived in this district for the vast majority of my life.

Educational background: What schools have you attended, date graduated, major and degree(s) earned.

I graduated from high school in Richmond, California over 40 years ago before I began my military service.

Employment: List the last three (3) paid positions, indicating name of employer, job title, and length of employment.

Securitas, Security Guard, over 8 years; North Richmond Neighborhood House Coordinator 2000 - 2006; North Richmond Employment Community Outreach Specialist 1997 to 2000

What are the names of any community or nonprofit organizations with which you have been an active volunteer in the past 3-5 years.

American Public Transportation Association, Transit Board Agency Committee

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. What differentiates you from your opponents for the elected office that you are seeking?

I am different from other candidates because I am fully transit dependent and I make decisions based on the needs of people who rely on public transit.

2. Describe one issue for the district you want to represent for which you have provided leadership and about which you are passionate.

I support free or very reduced fare prices for youth, seniors, people with disabilities, and those who have limited or low incomes

3. What percentage of the district you [or intend to] represent are of APA heritage?

Approximately 30%

4. Please identify the three largest APA ethnicities in your district.

Chinese, Korean, Japanese

5. Please identify the most at-risk APA community in your district and explain why.

There is a Laotian community in West Contra Costa County which is at risk due to health and economic issues

6. List the three top concerns of members of the APAs in your district.

Reliable bus service, affordable bus service, zero emission bus service

7. During the COVID-19 pandemic, reports of anti-Asian verbal and physical attacks have arisen. If you are the incumbent, how have you addressed this? If you are a candidate how will you address this?

Verbal and physical attacks against any ethnic group are awful. I have sought to bring attention to ethnic attacks through discussions with fellow Board Directors and staff to halt these attacks.

8. Do you believe that Asian and Pacific Americans are adequately represented in local government? What can elected officials do to improve participation?

The country is moving toward more racial diversity so APA staff should have more representation in local government. I can support this in the recruitment, retention, and promotion of APA staff.

9. Please identify all Asian Pacific American candidates whom you have personally endorsed over the past 5 years including this election cycle. If there are none, please explain.

I have endorsed many APA candidates over the years including Gabe Quint of El Cerrito, CA.

10. If you were faced with a situation that involved an Asian Pacific American community, would you seek consultation with our Caucus as a resource?

Yes

No

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please submit your responses by Sept. 9, 2020 midnight. Our North County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Thu., Sept. 24 beginning at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Only those candidates submitting the questionnaire on time will be on our endorsement ballot. No changes to your responses can be made after it is submitted.

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